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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Various Topics of Local and General Interest Briefly and Tersely Commented Upon

Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public for General Discussion

Just now St. Johns is in the midst of a heated local campaign. The fight waxing hotter and hotter as election day draws near, and more zealous becomes the partisans of the various candidates. So far, the campaign has not been marked by any great amount of personal vituperation, and for the good of all it is earnestly hoped that this most loathsome feature of politics will not be permitted. While true that personal abuse, almost without exception, acts as a boomerang to the party which encourages it, yet it has no place in a local campaign, and should not be tolerated. There is lots of good timber to select from, and a good citizen should be chosen from the long list of candidates.

Above all, in the coming election, voters should lay aside all personal feeling, and work for a single end, that of choosing such men as will best promote the interests of the city. St. Johns is now about throwing aside its swaddling garb, and will don the robes of an important city—a city which in 1906 will boast a population of over six thousand people! To govern well a city of this size requires level-headed men. Men who can rise above personal animosities and prejudices, and encompass the good of the whole people, and administer a strong, progressive government.

Now that the location of the big Weyerhaeuser plant in St. Johns is a reality, all doubt is removed as to our future, but we should not for one moment relax our efforts to get other industries, both large and small, to locate here. Every reasonable inducement should be held out, and our great resources and advantages advertised thoroughly and truthfully. We should not forget the opportunities afforded by the Lewis and Clark fair to present our claims. There seems to be a lull in this direction. Just why, we can't say, but there is. The committee appointed by the Commercial association to take up this matter have reported no definite plan of action as yet, and unless some steps are taken, plans formulated and ways and means devised to carry out some plan of action, very soon it will be too late. The big lumber industry gives us a strong and mighty lever, and we should take advantage of it.

It is amazing with what frequency the big dailies of Portland have recently been publishing slaps at St. Johns. True, the slurs and insinuations are credited to some citizen of this city, and the b. d.'s claim the insinuating things said to be "interviews." Here is the last dirty fling, taken from last Saturday's Oregonian:

"While I do not want to question the patriotism and good faith of the men who brought the adoption of the new charter and incorporation in the first place, I think they have acted unwisely. The spirit shown in connection with the coming municipal election explains what we may expect right along. It is my conviction that St. Johns should never have incorporated in the first place, and now we have a charter that will be suited in most respects for a city of 250,000 population. I think it would be good judgment for St. Johns to join Portland, and not undertake to run a city government, with all the attendant evils of municipal politics, of which we are just beginning to get a taste. St. Johns must at once issue a lot of bonds, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, to pay for fire apparatus purchased for the lot for a city hall, for a public dock and for salaries, which, though small, must be paid. Unless I misread the future, I predict that St. Johns will be knocking for admission to Portland before the next two years expire."

We don't believe St. Johns possesses so disloyal and disgruntled a citizen, even among the "kickers" and mossbacks. If there is one such, Portland is welcome to him, but if he proves as disloyal to that city as he is to St. Johns, and could ever exercise his lungs sufficiently to attract any notice in the metropolis, we'll venture to say that city would be glad to get rid of him. A man who can so far forget his obligation of citizenship in his home city as to give utterance to the sentiments expressed above, will "never be missed" no, never, in any community.

The assault at Goldendale, Wash., on Preacher Caswood a few days ago, appears to have been without any provocation, and utterly inexcusable from any point of view. This is a country of religious liberty, and a man or woman has just as much right to be a Free Methodist as a Presbyterian or Catholic. — Portland Journal.

The Review has no apologies to make for lawlessness, nor would it abridge the proper liberty of any

man, but when such men of the Cawood ilk go about the country defaming good citizens under the guise of religion, they deserve some kind of heroic treatment, because the law can't reach them. There is entirely too much "liberty" (?) taken by many of these fellows who profane the sacred desk by their presence. Who has not heard many things said under guise of "sermons" that dare not be expressed by individuals. Sacred things are handled entirely too lightly by the Cawood class of blasphemers, and we don't know whether the people of Goldendale deserve the severe lecture of the Journal or not, and are inclined to take the contrary view of the matter.

The pessimist and street corner jaw-workers had a crimp put in them when the announcement that the Weyerhaeuser mill people had decided upon St. Johns for the location of their big plant. This kind of enterprise is not to their liking; it's an "outside corporation" you know, and the starting of this big enterprise should have been left "for the benefit" of St. Johns citizens. No doubt, if this "foreign corporation" had just held off long enough, a couple of centuries, for instance, and the valuable water front the aforesaid "foreign corporation" proposes to spend nearly a half million in improving, and giving employment to anywhere from 500 to 1000 men, our "home people" would have "enjoyed" it. Wonderful logic, but it has its supporters.

The Multnomah County Leader, formerly the Gresham Gazette, is a wide-awake local newspaper, and one of the best that reaches our table. It is alive to the interests of the town it represents, losing no opportunity to give it a boost. The people at Gresham should give it a hearty support.

Joe Day, well-known as a Portland detective, has been the star actor in quite a number of unsavory escapades recently. His latest is a shooting scrape. Last Friday evening he shot a man named Louis Schurer, whom Joe attempted to arrest. Schurer tried to get away and Day pulled a bead on him, dropping his man. The other day a woman flogged him, or tried to. He has been severely censured many times, but we presume Joe is as good as the balance of the "gang" which afflicts Portland.

Scandal is rife in the management and awarding committees of the St. Johns fair officials. Let us all hope that the Lewis and Clark fair will offer no opportunity for the "graffers."

Real estate is advancing in price since the definite announcement that the Weyerhaeuser company would locate here. While prices have not been of the "boom" kind up to date, it is to be hoped that no great inflation will occur now. We believe the best interests of the city will be served and our prosperity greater if dealers hold prices down to a reasonable basis. We want home builders, and we are sure to get them, but values should be kept within a reasonable limit. Of course, it is natural to expect an advance as the demand increases. This is true in every line. Demand and supply regulate all markets. But don't overshoot the mark, so that a reaction would prove disastrous.

A syndicate has been formed in Los Angeles, Cal., with the view of getting control of the saloon business in that city, and guarantee to pay into the city treasury the sum of \$150,000 annually. If saloons must exist, why wouldn't this scheme be a good one?

Rev. Campbell preached a sermon at the M. E. church Sunday night, in which he urged his hearers to vote for no man who was seeking office, and some of his hearers interpreted this to mean that they should not vote at all. Wrong, brethren, decidedly wrong. The Review hasn't found a candidate in St. Johns who has not said: "I don't want the office; I am a candidate only because the people want me to be." Each and every one disinterested, to be sure. Bro. Campbell hasn't mixed much in St. Johns politics, evidently.

Fruit raisers of Pierce county, Washington, will give away apples and strawberries at the Lewis and Clark exposition in order to convince easterners that Pierce county is an unsurpassed locality for raising these products.

A \$150,000 exhibit of the products of the Philippine Islands will be an interesting feature of the United States government's magnificent participation in the Lewis and Clark exposition.

THE THIRD TICKET.

The Local Political Pot is Kept a' Boiling.

The political bees have been busy, as all well regulated bees should be, and their buzz has been heard during "every shining hour," and cloudy ones, too, during the past week. Last Saturday night a second mass meeting of citizens was held to nominate candidates for the coming election. The meeting was held in the West Coast laundry building, and was largely attended. J. P. Wrinkle called the meeting to order, when W. O. Isaacson was elected permanent chairman, and E. C. Hurlbert secretary.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted: "We, the legal voters of St. Johns, in mass meeting assembled for the purpose of nominating candidates for the different city offices to be voted for on April 3, 1905, hereby resolve as follows: "First—That the name of this ticket shall be the 'Independent ticket.' "Second—That we favor a fair, impartial and economical administration of the affairs of the city. "Third—That we adhere to no political body, but appeal to the voters of the city for their support on the principles expressed in the first above paragraph, and under no consideration will we be controlled or influenced by any political or other organization."

Nominations for mayor being called for, W. H. King and A. S. Douglass were named. The ballot resulted in King receiving 79 votes, and Douglass 49. On motion of Mr. Douglass the nomination of W. H. King was made unanimous. Hanks was nominated for recorder, and Fred Valentine for treasurer.

R. J. Peterson, A. S. Douglass and G. H. Carlson were nominated for councilmen at large.

The meeting then divided into wards, and spirited contests were held. In the first ward C. S. Thompson and D. V. Edwards were nominated, while the second ward decided upon H. W. Brice and W. C. Walker.

The meeting then adjourned.

Jingles on the Cow.

To cow or not to cow's the question. The Council says it is a vexed one: Should they not cow, they scarcely know Which way their future paths may go; And should they cow, the latent ire, Of foes may set their souls on fire, And bid them turn to their grand estate, Where each, an arbiter of fate, Sits now, superb, with visage grim, And no one dares to mock at him. Should they not cow, they fear a pool, Where all good fishes come to school, To learn the wherefore, and the why, Of councilmen who do not try, To keep the city pure and neat, And all the cows from off the street, Alas! Alas! That such a thing As cowishness should thus take wing, And hover near them night and day, Ostruding when they try to pray, For wisdom's loving hand to guide, And not a cow be ferd outside; A strong corral where she might moo, Or butt the fence as cows will do, No town of any great estate, Has yet sprung up, but, soon or late, The cow has raised a devilish stir, And made men mad to think of her, And all the evils that have sprung From cows since this old world was young. But, Spartan-like, in bold array, Men met and put the cow away, Where she at leisure, ruminates, No more destroys their garden gates— But reigns a queen, much loved, alone, Within a space that's all her own. Put her away as strong men should, And we'll all halloo that you're good.

The Bells—Cow Bells.

Have you heard the merry jingle of As on the midnight air it softly swells! Can you hear its jingle, jingle, Till your nerves are all a-tingle And you wish that you might mingle With a hatchet, or a shingle, With the herd, out on the street, There to slaughter all you'd meet, And to give the owner hellos, With the jingling of the bells!

"Hush, my child, lie still and slumber, For old hussy's gliding by, She'll not harm my precious darling, Go to sleep, and do not cry! City fathers will forgive us, If we swear a "cuss" or two, We can't throw a rock, confound it! And there's nothing else to do."

Obituary.

William Andrew Kemp was born December 13, 1835 in Baltimore county, Maryland. He died at his home in St. Johns, Multnomah county, Oregon, March 3, 1905, aged 69 years, 2 months and 18 days.

He was converted in an old log school house at Walnut Corners, Ind., at the age of 16, and united with the M. E. church where he remained a faithful member until his death. He was licensed to preach at the age of 24. In 1878 he came to Oregon where most of his work in the ministry was done. He served several churches as supply and was ordained local deacon at Albany in 1893 by Bishop Goodsell. He was well liked everywhere he went and met with success as a soul winner.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted September 1861, as a private in Company A., 3rd Reg., of

Minn., U. S. A. Vol. Inf. He served through the entire service and was discharged July 31, 1865.

He was married to Sarah Ann Dobyns November 3, 1865, at St. Paul, Minn. To this union was born seven children, four of whom have preceded Father to the other shore. Three are left—Lewis J. Kemp of Lentz, Or., William A. and Nellie May Kemp of St. Johns, Or. He leaves a wife and these three children, two sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss.

An Enterprising Woman.

Enormous Project Undertaken by Mrs. J. T. McCready.

The management of the American Inn, the great inside hostelry at the Lewis and Clark exposition, which will open in Portland on June 1, will be undertaken by Mrs. J. T. McCready, who has figured conspicuously in similar enterprises at the Pan-American and St. Louis expositions.

Mrs. McCready, manager of the American Inn restaurant, proved such a splendid and congenial hostess at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo, that she won the hearty support of a large coterie of enthusiastic admirers. Many of these, visiting the St. Louis exposition in 1904, again sought Mrs. McCready's hospitality, and will be pleased to learn that she has undertaken a project of greater proportions at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The American Inn is located on the shore of Guild's Lake, the largest body of water ever included in an exposition enterprise, and doubly attractive owing to its natural origin, and containing 600 rooms is designed to accommodate 2000 guests.

The Inn adjoins the Esplanade, a promenade more than half a mile long extending along the shore. Facing the Inn, on the peninsula in the center of Guild's Lake, are the United States government buildings. Beyond these, in the distance, rise the snow peaks of the Cascades. At the rear the fir-clad foothills make a striking and pleasing background for the ivory white of the structure. This ideal location makes the American Inn a veritable summer resort hostelry.

Broad verandas in two tiers entirely surround the building. Terraces with ornate balustrades extend out from the verandas to the Esplanade and the waters of the lake. Boat landings are provided on two sides, from which the visitor can embark in a gondola, electric launch, row boat, or an Indian canoe for an enchanting ride of a couple of miles on Guild's Lake.

The building is three stories high and is built with an interior court which has been transformed into a beautiful flower garden. This arrangement makes every room an outside one, and provides an abundance of light and air. Fire escapes are provided on all sides of the building at frequent intervals, and a night patrol system guarantees absolute safety to guests. Electrical communication from each room to the office insures good service. All of the hall floors are sound-deadened so that guests can rest well at night. A buffet, barber shop, news stand, booths where guests may purchase collars, cuffs, haberdashery, notions, in fact, everything that is needed for comfort and amusement are provided. The rates of the Inn are fixed and controlled by the exposition and will be maintained throughout the exposition period. Rooms may be secured on the European plan for \$2 to \$3 per day, including breakfast. On the American plan, the rates run from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per day. Rooms with private baths are, of course, proportionately higher. Reduced rates are made for two or more persons occupying the same room, and children under ten years are taken at half rate.

These rates include the daily admission to the grounds after one has become a registered guest of the hotel, and this is paid to the exposition by the hotel management. Visitors stopping at the American Inn avoid the inconvenience and expense attached to riding to and from the grounds on the cars. They may divide their time between sightseeing and rest at will.

A well-appointed first class cafe is maintained where a la carte service can be had at popular prices. Table d'hote meals are: breakfast and luncheon 50 cents each, and evening dinner \$1. Rooms may be reserved in advance by making a small deposit, and dates may be cancelled or changed by observing rules laid down by the management.

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OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS.

Our Special Correspondent Observes Some Observations.

Portland's municipal campaign may not, as yet, be quite as animated as that in progress at St. Johns at this time, but it has already developed a number of peculiar situations. The new primary law under which the nominations will be made here, is the source of much confusion among those who have hitherto been accustomed to cutting and drying the political program before it shall have been presented to those who were chosen to make the nominations in accordance therewith. The bosses seem to be without a job; but they are not wholly idle, by any means. They would like to deceive the people into believing that they are not concerned about the situation at all; but their success so far in that direction has not been sufficiently marked as to be worthy recognition. Many of these professional politicians have lived on official emoluments and graft for so many years that there are not many among them who would know how to begin again to earn a livelihood by legitimate pursuit of business. Hence their worry over the new situation.

Mayor Williams' mysterious attitude relative to his possible candidacy for re-nomination has finally been partially solved—but not wholly so, as many affect to believe. He declares now that he will be a candidate if the Republicans will nominate him; but, prior to this announcement, it was quite generally reported that the Republican organization had concluded not to place a ticket in the field. Perhaps the honorable mayor imposed this condition in order to avoid the effort of vindicating his present administration by serving another term.

The local Democrats have pricked up their ears a little in the hope that the direct nominations law will afford them an opportunity to slip a few good men into fat municipal jobs. Their leaders held an interesting meeting on Wednesday evening to consider several different propositions as to how they should proceed to take advantage of the new situation. It is strange, however, that so many voters do not yet fully understand the new primary law; and for that reason a full vote is not expected at the June election. For instance, if a voter who registered last year without giving his political affiliation, he will not be permitted to vote unless he re-register, giving the name of the party to which he belongs. So, also, must he register again if, since last election, he has moved his residence into another ward or precinct.

Our city council has just voted to increase the saloon license fee from \$400 per annum to \$500. Even that figure is too small. The city would undoubtedly receive as much revenue if the fee were \$1000. A number of the cheap dead-falls in the North End would thus be driven out of business, much to the moral improvement of the metropolis.

Chief of Police Hunt will probably soon increase the number of his official family, the council having authorized the board of police commissioners to add 40 patrolmen to the force. They are needed. In fact, Chief Hunt has long been handicapped by the fact that his force of policemen has been entirely inadequate to the needs of a rapidly growing city like Portland. The metropolis is already overrun with thugs and petty thieves who have come thus early from all parts of the country to get in on the ground floor when the opening of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition shall give them opportunity to ply their criminal trade.

The strike among the workmen at the exposition grounds is about to collapse from sheer inanition. Workmen are returning to their tasks by the score and resuming their places. It is probable that the work of completing the buildings has not been appreciably delayed. The fair commission has announced that everything will be in readiness for the opening day on which President Roosevelt will touch the button that will set the thousands of wheels of the great show in excited motion.

The Civic Improvement association is doing most excellent service in the matter of cleaning up the city and adding many useful and ornamental attractions to it. The enterprising women of the city have taken a vigorous part in the good work, so long delayed. Probably they have been watching the progress of the rural city of St. Johns in that respect.

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